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The Honorable Ralph Regula  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor,  
HHS and Education  
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The Honorable David Obey  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor,  
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Dear Chairman Regula and Ranking Member Obey:

We were very concerned to learn that the Bush Administration proposes deep cuts in the TRIO programs (Upward Bound, Math and Science Upward Bound and Talent Search). Young people all over the country will lose valuable intervention services as a result of these cuts. Our state of New York will lose over \$18 million and 50 programs serving over 19,000 young New Yorkers.

The young people who benefit from TRIO are often the first in their families to consider attending college. Too often, the school system is unable to provide the extra tutoring and guidance needed to encourage promising young people from low income backgrounds attempt to apply to college. Further, many of these students suffer from inadequate secondary school preparation. Without the TRIO programs, it is very likely that many of these students simply will not attempt to go to college.

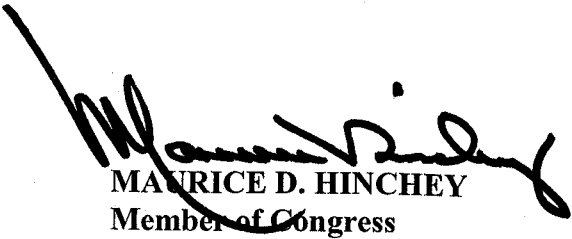
In fact, we understand that the Mathematica Policy Research study that the Bush Administration uses to argue for the elimination of TRIO actually demonstrates the efficacy of these programs for those students who participate. The study found that students who stayed in the program until they graduated from high school were more likely to succeed in college. The study also found that Upward Bound increased high school credits earned by students with lower expectations. Further, the study showed that the main reason students dropped out of TRIO programs was that they needed to find a job – which supports the notion that these students need more financial support, not less.

We hope you will support the TRIO programs in the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. Thank you for considering our request with regard to TRIO programs in Fiscal Year 2006. We look forward to working with you to support these important programs.

Sincerely,

  
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